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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 January 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 25-31 and 33-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 25-31 and 33-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9-11 13-19 21-23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 January 2010 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3). Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08), Paper No(s)/Mail Date :01/13/2010, 08/21/2009, 06/11/2008, 02/03/2006.

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 01/13/2010 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Subject Matter Eligibility of computer Readable Media excerpts from Official Gazette notice 1351 212 Feb. 23, 2010.

3. Claims 25-31 and 33-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED NOTICE. In order to overcome THE "101", THE Examiner suggests amending the claims as follows: In claim 25, line 1 inserting "non-transitory" before claim limitation "computer" or delete "medium" replace by "memory". And all dependent claims 26-31 and 33-35 should also reflect the change made to claim 25.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-7, 9-11, 13-19, 21-23, 25-31 and 33-35 are allowed over prior record. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of references disclose or fairly suggest among other thing, "(a) causing a processor to

execute the instructions to perform position correction processing to a first image and a second image, the first image including:

(i) first points; and (ii) first linear components, the second image including:

(i) second points; and (ii) second linear components;

(b) after performing the position correction processing, causing the processor to execute the instructions to transform:

(i) the first points of the first image and the second points of the second image a curved pattern; and

(ii) the first linear components of the first image and the second linear components of the second image a plurality of overlapped curved-patterns, said transformation being based on a distance from a reference position to a shortest point in a straight line passing through a point in the image and an angle between a straight line passing through the reference position and the shortest point and a reference axis including the reference position" (claims 1, 13 and 25). It is for this reason and in combination will all elements of the claims , that claims 3 1-7, 9-11, 13-19, 21-23, 25-31 and 33-35 are allowed over the prior art of record. However, claims 25-31 and 33-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention includes a signal in its scope Official Gazette Notice on February 23, 2010 a computer readable medium includes a signal.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AKLILU k. WOLDEMARIAM whose telephone number is (571)270-3247. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m-5:00 p.m EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bali Vikram can be reached on 571-272-7415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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